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It will sufficiently appear from the above that either the distinguished representatives of chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania and the Jefferson College are mistaken or else great chemical discoveries have been the result of the Whittaker will trial. The advice of the committee does not seem to be *apropos* to anything; as its reason for not undertaking the duty assigned to it, viz.: that the duty would not be profitable, seems to be gratuitous. The whole report is a very good illustration of "how not to do it."—*Persifor Frazer*.

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¹ *Dr. Friedr. Müller, Grundriss der Sprachwissenschaft.* Vol. II, No. 1^a. 2^a. Wien. 1880. 8°. A. Flölder, publisher.

² *Vocabulario de la lengua Mexicana, compuesto por el P. Fr. Alonso de Molina;* publicado de nuevo por Julio Platzmann. Edición facso'milaria. Leipzig, B. G. Teubner. 1880. 4°. Parte I. Castell.-Mexic. 121 double pages. Parte II. Mexic.-Castell. 162 double pages, of two columns each.